



## Children's Special Healthcare Services Fact Sheet

Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) is a supplemental program that helps families of children with serious, chronic medical conditions pay for treatment & services related to those conditions.

### \*Qualifications for child and family:

- Medical: CSHCS covers 23 conditions (refer to brochure), hundreds of diagnoses.  
-Child must have at least one of the conditions or diagnoses.
- Financial: In 2007, the income before taxes for a family of four (4) cannot exceed \$4,303 per month or \$51,625 per year.  
-Income guidelines usually go up yearly. Please call 1-800-475-1355 for current financial information.
- Other: -CSHCS serves children from birth till age 21  
-Applicant must be an Indiana resident and must provide proof of residency  
-Applicant must apply for Indiana Hoosier Healthwise/Medicaid.  
-Applicant does not have to be a US citizen to apply; however, child or family **cannot** be in the country on any type of Visa.  
-Cystic Fibrosis clients can apply at any age and will stay on the program for life, but client must remain financially eligible.

### \*Covered Services:

- Well child & sick child care
- Basic Dental Care
- Prescription drugs
- Travel reimbursement (travel must be a total of 50 miles or more roundtrip)
- Therapies (aqua therapy covered on a case by case basis)
- Specialty Care
- Durable medical equipment (DME)

### \*Non-Covered Services:

- Bariatrics treatment/Experimental treatment
- Blindness & most eye conditions
- Horse therapy/Massage therapy/Music therapy
- Allergies or over-the-counter medications
- General developmental delay **not related** to an eligible medical condition
- Emergency Room visits **not related** to the eligible medical condition
- Mental health problems, treatments and conditions
- **Note**- Autism is covered by CSHCS as it is **not** considered a mental health problem

### \*Where to Apply for CSHCS

- Birth to age 3: contact your local First Steps office at 1-800-441-7837 or contact your local Division of Family Resources office. First Steps normally will take an application only if the child also has a developmental problem.
- Birth to age 21: contact the Division of Family Resource at 1-800-889-9949 or call CSHCS at 1-800-475-1355, select the Eligibility Option for locations and telephone numbers. If there are problems, with enrollment please call CSHCS, select eligibility option, and ask for the training coordinator.
- Riley Hospital for Children is also an intake site for Children's applications.

## How Does Enrollment in the CSHCS Program Supplement Hoosier Healthwise Insurance?

A few reasons why Hoosier Healthwise (also called HHW) participants should enroll in CSHCS:

- HHW coverage ends at age 19; CSHCS provides coverage until participants reach age 21. This would give participants and/or parents time to find other insurance.
- CSHCS pays for any prescription medications, even if the medication is not related to the eligible medical condition. **Note:** The program will not pay for over-the-counter medicines. Diabetic supplies are an exception; an authorization is required.
- CSHCS pays for ongoing therapies for eligible medical conditions; HHW and/or private insurance may not.
- Participants may be enrolled in private insurance, HHW, and CSHCS at the same time.
- CSHCS may help cover out-of-pocket expenses for items such as co-pays, durable medical equipment, and in-patient or out-patient care.
- CSHCS will reimburse some travel expenses, provided the participant is traveling to/from an approved provider's office and the total distance is  $\geq 50$  miles per round trip.

Problems to avoid:

Problem	Solution
<b>Incomplete application</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete all necessary signatures</li><li>• Complete all necessary dates</li><li>• Complete required information on all household members</li></ul>
<b>Documentation to support income missing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 consecutive check stubs required</li><li>• Use federal form 1040 that was filed most recently</li></ul>
<b>Illegal or inappropriate signature</b>  <b>Note:</b> Only a parent or legal guardian can sign application ( <b>regardless of applicant's age</b> ) per Rule 2, Sec. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No surrogate or educational parents may sign</li><li>• No foster parents may sign</li><li>• Person signing application <b>must</b> have legal paperwork for guardianship if he/she is not applicant's biological parent</li></ul>

Additional information

- Income guidelines are based on the federal poverty guidelines and usually increase yearly.
- CSHCS pays at Medicaid rates.
- CSHCS does not "choose" a provider for the participant. However, participants are advised that CSHCS can only pay a provider that has signed up with the CSHCS program. Participants can be given a list of approved providers within their area.